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Dear Mr. Baker:

As we discussed by telephone on January 26, 1987 enclosed herewith is a map prepared by the New England Division of the Corps of Engineers showing land needs for the proposed pilot dredging study. Also enclosed is a listing of property owners around the pilot study site. Land needs are as follows:

1. Access along Sawyer Street to the staging and construction areas.
2. A staging area as identified on the plan which would be used for equipment and supply storage and mobilization. This area would be fenced-off for security purposes.
3. Access to City owned land along Coffin Avenue for siting of monitoring equipment.
4. Land associated with the Confined Disposal site.

In reviewing the deeds for the waterfront properties the Corps has advised us that, in their view, ownership goes only to the extreme or mean low water line. Under that interpretation the Confined Aquatic Disposal ("Pineapple-upside down cake") construction, not shown on the plan, would be State owned land. This interpretation needs to be confirmed, however.

I would greatly appreciate your reviewing the enclosed information and advising me who in the City government EPA should contact in order to resolve the question of ownership and to make whatever arrangements are required to secure access for the pilot study. Since our present schedule calls for completion of plans and specifications in March, it is essential arrangements concerning land be resolved prior to that time.

If you have any comments or questions concerning this matter, please call me at 617-565-3678 or Alan Fowler at 565-3691.

Sincerely,

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New Bedford Harbor Project Manager

Enclosures: As noted

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